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The 12/1/50 issue of the "Daily Worker", on page 9, contained an article, captioned "Wm. Patterson Arraigned Here (NYC)", reporting that Patterson, national executive secretary of the CRC, surrendered to the U.S. Marshal in NYC on 11/30/50. Patterson had been found guilty of contempt for refusing to turn over CRC records to a (U.S.) House (of Representatives) body. Mrs. Louise Patterson, his wife, was present in Court during the arraignment.

Newspaper clipping described above
100-39-A
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On 5/25/50, Henry Winston, national organizational secretary, CPUSA, and [redacted] Public Affairs Department, CPUSA, were to meet (in NYC) with Louise Patterson. Purpose and place of the meeting were not known.

[redacted]
As of 12/4/50, Louise Patterson was director of the organization, Council on African Affairs.

[redacted]
On 12/4/50, Patterson was reported to be an active CP leader.

New York report, 1/10/51
Re: [redacted] was.;
IS-C
100-17738-79, p. 14
(2)✓

Louise Patterson attended the 15th National Convention of the CPUSA, held December 28 to 31, 1950, in Stuyvesant Casino and Central Plaza Annex, NYC. [redacted]

NY report, 2/6/51
Re: CPUSA; IS-C
100-3-3732, p. 319
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On 3/24/54 and 4/20/54, [] admitted former CP member, advised that in about [] he had [] in the Council on African Affairs (CAA) in Los Angeles. He recalled having heard that [] of the CAA movement in Los Angeles, was corresponding with Louise Thompson Patterson of NYC, regarding the plans to establish a chapter of the CAA in Los Angeles. Shortly after the Los Angeles chapter was founded, Patterson made a visit to Los Angeles to assist in the organizational details for making it a permanent organization. [] was never present during any meeting attended by Patterson and he did not know whether or not Patterson was a CP member.

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Los Angeles report, 4/30/54
Re: Council on African Affairs;
IS-C; Internal Security Act of 1950
100-69266-393, p. 1-3
(21)✓

This reference was a memo from Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, dated 11/19/52 which forwarded a list (attached as enclosure), captioned "IWO, Inc., Officers and Other Members of Governing Bodies from Inception (1930) to 1/15/51. The Department was preparing a petition against the IWO to be filed with the Subversive Activities Control Board and requested that prospective witnesses identify CPUSA members that appeared on the list. The following was included on the list:

Patterson, (Louise Thompson) Recording Secretary, National Executive Committee, 1935-1938;
Recording Secretary, General Executive Board, 1938 - 1940;
Vice-President, General Executive Board, 1940-1944; Executive Committee, General Council, 1944 - 1951.

Serial described above
61-7341-1295, enc. p. 8
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SI 61-7341-1221, encl. p. 7

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(List received 2/24/51
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On 3/28/51, Louise Patterson told [redacted]
[redacted] Fair Practices Committee, United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) in
NYC, that she wanted to talk with him concerning a very
important matter. They agreed to meet at the Hotel Breslin,
Room 311, on 3/29/51. [redacted]

NY report. 5/16/51
Re: [redacted] was.;
IS-C; Internal Security Act, 1950
100-261122-24, p. 2
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According to [redacted]
District Committee of the Progressive Party of the District
of Columbia (PPDC) meeting held on 4/3/51, [redacted]
[redacted] of the Northwest Club of the PPDC, reported that at
the last Club meeting (date not given), Mrs. Louise Patterson
gave a talk (subject of talk not stated).
[redacted]

Washington FO, 1/22/53
Re: COMINFIL Progressive Party;
IS-C
100-357934-777, p. 72
(9)✓

On 4/6/51, an unknown individual contacted [redacted]
[redacted] GP member, in an effort to locate William L. Patterson
of the CRC who was then being tried in Federal Court in
Washington, D.C., for contempt of Congress. [redacted] mentioned
that Patterson's wife, Louise Patterson, spoke the previous
night for "our Northwest Club of the Progressive Party", in
Washington, D.C.

[redacted] identity of informant
should be protected)

Washington FO teletype, 4/7/51
Re: COMINFIL Progressive Party;
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100-357934-286
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As of 1/15/51, Louise Thompson Patterson was one of six vice presidents of the IWO, as well as a member of the IWO National Executive Committee (governing body).

From 3/7/51 through 4/13/51, the NY State Supreme Court in NYC held hearings concerning the liquidation of IWO. Patterson appeared as one of the witnesses for the IWO. During the hearings she was asked, on cross examination, whether she was or ever had been a CP member. She refused to answer pleading possible self-incrimination.

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NY report, 1/14/52
Re: IWO - National Organization;
IS-C; Internal Security Act of 1950
61-7341-1264, p. 4, 33, 131
(8)✓

The 4/14/51 issue of the "Romanul American" newspaper, on page 1, column 6, carried an article, captioned "Sister Patterson Witness in the Case of the IWO", praising "Sister" Louise Thompson Patterson for her testimony which she gave (date and place not stated) in connection with the IWO hearings. She defended the IWO as a fraternal insurance organization, free from discrimination. (Summarized from translation of article.)

Washington FO report, 5/2/51
Re: Romanul American; IS-RU
100-264688-183
(3)✓

On 4/26/51, Craig S. Vincent, owner and operator of the San Cristobal Valley Ranch, San Cristobal, New Mexico (CP member), sent a letter to Mrs. Louise Patterson, 23 - W. 26th Street, NYC.

[redacted]

Albuquerque memo, 5/15/51
Re: San Cristobal Valley Ranch,
San Cristobal, New Mexico;
SM-C
100-378604-46, p. 6
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The "California Eagle" a Negro weekly newspaper published at Los Angeles, California, on 4/26/51, reported that Mrs. Louise Patterson had accompanied Mrs. Willie McGee (wife of Willie McGee, convicted Mississippi rapist) to the Los Angeles area in April 1951. Mrs. McGee had appeared at various CRC affairs during her visit to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles memo, 5/31/51
Re: CPUSA, District 27, Memphis
Division
(Character of case not given)
100-3-57-117, p. 2
(3)✓

The 4/9/51 issue of the "Daily Worker" on page 2, column 4, in an article captioned, "Negro Woman Leader on Stand in IWO Defense", described the appearance of Mrs. Louise Thompson Patterson as a witness (date not given) during liquidation proceedings of the IWO held in NY Supreme Court.

According to a printed dinner announcement, Louise Patterson was a sponsor of a testimonial dinner held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, NYC, on 4/30/51, to honor the launching of the magazine "New World Review", formerly "Soviet Russia Today".

[REDACTED]
NY report, 7/1/52
Re: SRT Publications, Inc.;
IS-R; Registration Act
61-7374-324, p. 19
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On 5/12/51, in Chicago, Illinois, [redacted]
[redacted] (former CP member) advised that he had been (date
not stated) personally acquainted with Louise Thompson
Patterson. In 1946, Patterson had on occasion frequented
[redacted] office. [redacted] of the
South Side Section CP was at that time [redacted]
[redacted]

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Chicago report, 5/17/51

Re: [redacted], was.;
[redacted] Applicant,
US Civil Service Commission,
Chicago, Illinois; LGE
121-23840-28, p. 3, 5
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On 5/15/51, Mrs. Louise Patterson, among others,
spoke at a CRC reception for William L. Patterson, executive
secretary of CRC, held at the Central Plaza, 111 Second
Avenue, NYC. All speakers called for stopping of "Fascism
in America" through augmenting actions for defense of Patterson
and other victims of U.S. "Fascistic Domestic and Foreign
Policies". About \$4,000 was collected for defense of William
Patterson and "other victims of civil rights violations".

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NY teletype, 5/16/51

Re: Civil Rights Congress; IS-C
61-10149-1823
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The "Morning Freiheit", a Yiddish language daily
newspaper published in NYC, in its issue of 6/25/51, (column
4, page 1) contained a report on the banquet held in honor
of Rubin Saltzman's sixtieth birthday, he being the general
secretary of the JPFO, IWO. Louise Patterson was among those
who delivered greetings at the banquet which was held on
6/23/51 at the Hotel Commodore, NYC.

NY report, 12/9/52

Re: Committee for Progressive
Jewish Education; IS-C
100-398637-2, p. 14
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On 6/23/51, in Chicago, Illinois, [redacted]
[redacted] of the Negro Allied
Veterans of America, advised that Louise Thompson Patterson
might have been a Communist, but he would not consider her
a Communist in the same sense that he considered William L.
Patterson (her husband) a Communist. Mrs. Patterson was not
as aggressive as William in propounding Communist ideology, but
she, more or less, went along with her husband's thinking.
According to [redacted], Louise was so interested in the fruits
of Capitalism that he did not see how she could have a strong
feeling for Communism.

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Chicago memo, 8/7/51
Re: [redacted]
SM-C
100-361752-12, p. 4
(12)✓

On August 4 and 5, 1951, Louise Patterson and her
husband, William Lorenzo Patterson, visited the summer camp
for children owned and operated by Max [redacted] Granich at
[redacted] home in Wilmington, Vermont. The camp was for children
of Communists and was operated for the purpose of indoctrinating
children with the principles of Communism.

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On 8/29/51, William L. Patterson and Louise Patterson
arrived at the home of the Graniches and remained there until
8/31/51.

[redacted]
Albany summary report, 1/16/52
Re: Max Grannick, was.;
IS-R
100-88434-250, p. 97, 98
(18)✓
SI as paragraph 1 above:
100-88434-248, p. 112
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A leaflet entitled "A Call to Negro Women", issued in September 1951, by the Initiating Committee of the Sojourn for Truth and Justice to Washington, listed the names of the Committee, which included that of Louise Patterson. The leaflet invited all Negro Women to join in a Sojourn to Washington, D.C., on September 29 to October 1, 1951, to personally address the Government for absolute, immediate, and unconditional redress of grievances. (The organization was formed in NYC on 9/16/51, under the sponsorship of the CRC.)
(Source not stated)

Louise Patterson was to be a delegate to the event.
(Reliable sources)

Bureau memo, 9/27/51
With a photostatic copy of
above - mentioned leaflet as
enclosure
Re: Sojourn for Truth and Justice;
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100-384225-2

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SI as paragraph 1 above:

100-384225-4 (Source not stated)

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SI as paragraph 1 above:

100-384225-43, p. 2 [redacted]

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SI as paragraph 1 above:

100-383973-1 [redacted]

[redacted] American University
Women's League, Kansas City,
Missouri)

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SI as paragraph 1 above:

100-384225-50, p. 7 [redacted] of known

reliability: [redacted]

[redacted] former

CP member)

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SI as paragraph 1 above:

100-3-78-288 [redacted]

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Louise Patterson was a member of the Initiating Committee of the Sojourn for Truth and Justice to Washington, according to a letter, dated 9/17/51, sent out by the Committee (addressee not given).

[redacted] of known reliability: [redacted]
[redacted] of
American University Women's League
Kansas City, Missouri)

In approximately September, 1951 an initiating committee of 14 Negro women leaders had issued a call to Negro women for a "sojourn for truth and justice" to Washington, D.C. on September 29 - October 1, 1951. This organization was a Communist front and Mrs. Louise Patterson one of the members of the Initiating Committee, was either a CP member or sympathetic toward the CP.

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NY report, 10/19/51
Re: CPUSA; IS-C
100-3-4124, p. 124, 140
(5)✓
SI as paragraphs 1 and 2 above;
100-3-4-7055, p. 77, 93
(18)✓

Louise Patterson attended the Sojourn for Truth and Justice, held in Washington, D.C. from 9/29/51 through 10/1/51.

Patterson attended an all-day higher cadre meeting of Negro women CP members which was held on 10/4/51, at the residence of [redacted] NYC. Patterson and [redacted] were severely criticized (by whom not stated) at the meeting for allowing [redacted] to work herself into an emotional pitch at the Sojourn for Truth and Justice.

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In October 1951, William Patterson was going underground and his wife Louise wanted to go with him and so was trying to find someone to take care of her eight-year-old daughter. However, the CP had other plans for her. They wanted Louise and [redacted] to tour the U.S. with the widows of lynch victims to arouse the sympathy of the Negroes.

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Note: It was stated in the memo that extreme caution should be used when disseminating any of the above information outside the Bureau.

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San Francisco memo, 10/16/51

Re: CPUSA, Underground Operations;
IS-C

100-3-94-840, p. 3, 5, 7

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The 10/7/51 issue of "The Worker", date lined Washington, D.C., carried an item captioned, "Negro Women Tell Capitol the Story of Persecution". The article reported that the Negro women leaders who were (date not stated) in Washington, D.C., on a Sojourn for Truth and Justice left the capitol confident that they had struck a blow for freedom. One of the women leaders mentioned was Mrs. Louise Patterson, wife of the CRC leader awaiting a trial on a framed contempt of Congress charge.

Newspaper clipping described above

100-384225-A

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Items in the "Daily Worker" of 10/17/51, page 8, column 2; 10/26/51, page 2, column 1; and 10/31/51, page 6, columns 4 and 5, referred to a meeting sponsored by the Bedford-Stuyvesant Chapter of the CRC on 10/29/51 at Paragon Hall, 4 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, in protest of the indictment of William Patterson for contempt of Congress. The program included, among others, Mrs. Louise Patterson, wife of William L. Patterson.

NY report, 1/21/52
Re: CPUSA, District No. 2,
NY Division; IS-C
100-3-4-7089, p. 21
(4)✓

Approximately one month prior to the September 29-October 1, 1951, sojourn to Washington, D.C., Mrs. Louise Patterson called and held a meeting in her NYC apartment to plan the affair. It was determined that Negro women progressives were to dislodge themselves from the white women progressives and organize on a national and local basis into chapters of a movement known as the Sojourners for Truth and Justice (STJ).

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On 9/30/51, Patterson was present at a rally of the STJ, held at the Salem Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

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It was believed that Mrs. Louise Patterson directed the activities of the STJ during their visit in Washington.

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According to [redacted] an enlarged meeting of the Presiding Committee of STJ, held in NYC on 11/10/51, Mrs. Louise Patterson acted as chairman of the meeting. During the meeting, the group decided to send a delegation to the trial of Dr. William E. B. DuBois on 11/13/51 (location not stated) to protest the shooting of [redacted] and [redacted] by Sheriff [redacted] of Florida.

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Other information in this reference appears in 100-384225-2, summarized elsewhere in this summary.

Washington FO report, 11/12/52
Re: Sojourners for Truth and Justice; IS-C
100-384225-80, p. 2, 3, 10, 12, 14
(5)✓

On 2/7/52, the following appeared in [redacted]
[redacted] (CP functionary in NYC) address book:

Louise Patterson

409 Edgecomb NYC

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San Francisco memo, 6/26/52
Re: [redacted] SM-C
100-362941-5, p. 10
(19)✓

In approximately March 1952, the organization, Sojourn for Truth and Justice, planned to send a delegation to Reidsville, Georgia, on Mothers Day, to demand [redacted] release from prison. Louise Patterson and [redacted] were in charge of the delegation.

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Savannah memo, 3/31/52
Re: Sojourn for Truth and Justice;
IS-C
100-384225-29
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The February 1951, issue of "Masses and Mainstream" (Communist magazine) on page 42 reported that William L. Patterson was married in 1940 to Louise Thompson, a former teacher at Hampton (state not given) with whom he grew up in California. (Also [] and [])

The records of the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia and Criminal Docket 1787-50 showed that William L. Patterson was charged with violating Section 192, Title 2, U.S. Code, two counts, after failing to produce certain records before the HCUA. He was arraigned 12/1/50 and his bond of \$1500 was posted through his wife Louise T. Patterson.

On 3/20/52 a "Welcome Home Rally" was held for William Patterson by the Pennsylvania CRC in Philadelphia. Patterson stated that he could not speak due to illness, but introduced his wife, Louise Patterson, who he said was a wonderful speaker and would do as good or better than he could do himself.

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As of August 1952, William and Louise Patterson resided at apartment 7H, 409 Edgecomb Avenue, NYC, with their daughter,

[] of known reliability:

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409 Edgecomb Avenue, NYC)

NY report, 8/11/42

Re: William Lorenzo Patterson, was.;

IS-C

100-39-203, p. 3-5, 30, 45, 66

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On 3/23/52, the Eastern Seaboard Conference of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice (STJ) met with the ELF (Emma Lazarus Federation) for a luncheon at the YMCA, 180 West 135 Street, NYC. Louise Patterson of the STJ was presented with a \$200.00 check from the ELF, and another check for \$50.00 which represented the first payment of a monthly subsidy to be given the STJ. []

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According to an article in the "Pittsburgh Courier" of 7/19/52, section 1, page 11, column 1, on 7/8/52, Louise Patterson, in the name of the STJ, and Hilda Freedman, in the name of the ELF, sent a joint cable to the International Conference on Public Education of UNESCO, at Geneva, Switzerland, urging the conference to direct its attention to discriminations against Negro women in the U.S. in jobs and education.

NY report, 3/30/53
Re: Emma Lazarus Federation of
Jewish Women's Clubs, aka Elf;
IS-C
100-400394-1, p. 79, 80
(8)✓
SI as paragraph 2 above:
100-384225-67
(6)✓

The organization, Sojourners for Truth and Justice (STJ), was formed in September 1951 (NYC). Louise Patterson was a member of the Initiating Committee.

As of 3/25/52, Patterson was executive secretary of
STJ.

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Identifying data about Patterson set out.

NY report, 6/25/52
Re: Sojourners for Truth and
Justice; IS-C
100-384225-57, p. 4, 6, 8
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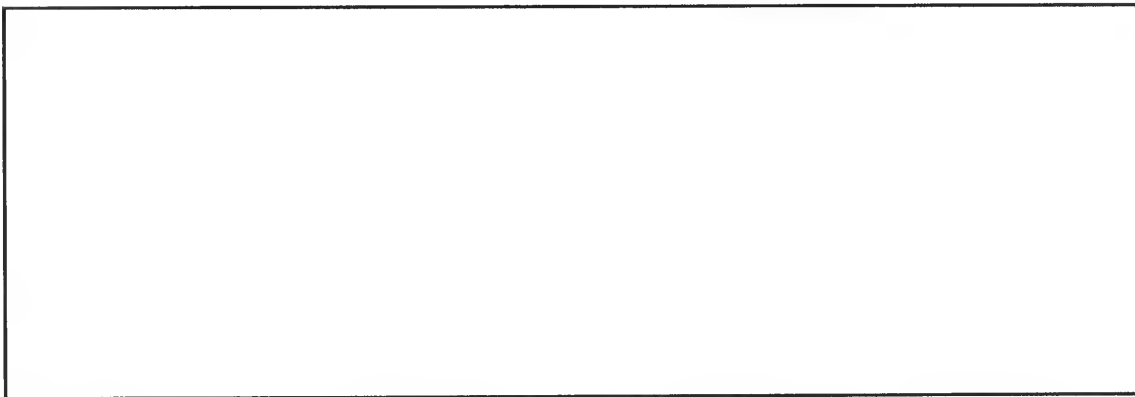
The "Daily Worker" of 3/25/52, on page 3, carried an item, captioned: "Mothers' Day Delegation for Mrs. Ingram Mapped", which reported the following. During an Eastern Seaboard Conference (3/23/52) of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice, held at the Harlem YMCA, NYC, Mrs. Louise Patterson outlined the group's organizational program.

Newspaper clipping described above
100-384225-28

(16)✓

SI 100-384225-31, p. 4

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In April 1952, Louise Patterson was a member of the sponsoring committee of the Frederick Douglas Educational Center, 124 West 124 Street, NYC, a school dedicated to Negro liberation.

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The 1/6/52 issue of the "Worker", page 8, column 2, announced that proposals to establish a Frederick Douglas Educational Center in Harlem were to be discussed at a conference of trade union and people's leaders on 1/12/52 at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem. Sponsors, one of whom was Louise T. Patterson, of the conference proposed that the new school be launched as a Marxist educational and cultural center based on the needs of the Harlem community.

NY report, 4/22/52
Re: CPUSA, District No. 2,
NY Division; IS-C
100-3-4-7108, p. 24, 25
(17)✓

On 4/20/52, Mrs. Louise Patterson was the principal speaker at the installation of officers at a meeting of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice held in Richmond, Virginia. She spoke on "Peace and Korea". The Richmond Branch of the CP was interested in sponsoring the organization known as Sojourners for Truth and Justice.

[REDACTED]
Richmond summary report, 7/29/52
Re: [REDACTED] SM-C
100-178148-84, p. 13 b2
(11)✓ b7C
SI 100-158667-17, p. 6 b7D
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SI 100-3-49-333, p. 13
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On 4/21/52, the "Daily Worker" listed the names of 27 prominent women who had signed an open letter (date not stated) to the Attorney General demanding that Martin Young (confined at Ellis Island) be granted immediate bail. Louise Patterson's name appeared on the list.

NY report, 8/27/52
Re: Martin Young, was.;
IS-R; Internal Security Act
of 1950
100-34616-89, p. 29
(18)✓

On 5/8/52, Louise Patterson stated that the Mother's Day March on Reidsville, Georgia State Prison by the Sojourners for Truth and Justice was postponed.

[redacted]
Atlanta report, 6/30/52
Re: Sojourn for Truth and
Justice; IS-C
100-384225-58, p. 3
(17)✓

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The catalogs of the Frederick Douglas Educational Center, NYC, for the spring and summer terms, 1952, listed Louise Patterson as a member of the Center's sponsoring committee.

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Other information in this reference appears in 100-3-4-7108, summarized elsewhere in this summary.

NY report, 8/14/52
Re: Frederick Douglas
Educational Center; IS-C
100-393633-1, p. 3, 5, 19, 20
(18)✓

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On 5/18/52, [] presided over a meeting of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice in Cleveland, Ohio, during which she instructed the treasurer to send \$10 to Louise Patterson in NYC.

Cleveland report, 3/30/53

Re: [] was.;

SM-C

100-384713-8, p. 4, 19

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As of 6/25/52, the name of Mrs. Louise Patterson appeared on the mailing list ~~(which was also the membership list)~~ of the organization, Minute Women for Peace. List maintained by [] Boston, Massachusetts, [] of the organization. []

See letter from NY dated 7-25-56 - MET

Boston memo, 7/24/52

With a photostatic copy of above-mentioned mailing list as enclosure

Re: Minute Women for Peace; IS-C

100-370859-14, encl. p. 14

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According to [] and [] active Chicago Communists, in July 1952, the CP had "gone crazy" on the matter of white chauvinism. An organization, known as Sojourners for Truth and Justice, was formed by the CP to combat white chauvinism. Leaders of the organization were Claudia Jones, William and Louise Patterson and one [] colored. Jones and the Pattersons through the organization were viciously terrorizing the entire CP through threats and intimidation on matters of white chauvinism to the extent that while they had no important CP titles, they carried

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great power in Party leadership.

[redacted] This information must
be carefully paraphrased so as to
afford maximum protection of the
informant's identity.)

Chicago memo, 7/28/52
Re: CPUSA; IS-C
100-3-14-3454, p. 4
(6)✓

On approximately 7/3/52, an executive director's meeting of the Sojourners for Truth was held at Louise Thompson Patterson's home (409 Edgecomb Avenue) in NYC. Patterson acted as chairman of the meeting during which plans were made to raise funds for the organization. The Sojourners' office was located in the building at 23 West 26th Street (entire building used by CP and CP front groups); however, most meetings were held at [redacted] or Mrs. Patterson's homes, both of whom lived in the same building.

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San Francisco memo, 8/21/52
Re: Report of [redacted] SM-C
100-372601-27, p. 2, 3
(10)✓

On 9/21/52, Mrs. Louise Thompson Patterson was the featured speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the Raymond Van Hoesen Junior Defense Committee at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Albany, NY. She spoke on Negro discrimination. The speakers had been secured through the CRC in NYC.

[redacted]
Albany report, 5/26/53

Re: [redacted]
was.; SM-C
100-354898-7, p. 14
(15)✓
SI 100-351606-24, p. 15
(14)✓
SI 100-369415-17, p. 10
(5)✓
SI 61-10149-2686, p. 6
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Sometime in November or December 1952, there had been a disagreement within the organization, Sojourners for Truth and Justice, in NYC. Some members wanted Louise (Mrs. William L.) Patterson as a leader and others were not in favor of this. The disagreement was to be straightened out at CP headquarters.

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NY report, 8/17/53
Re: Sojourners for Truth and Justice; IS-C
100-384225-97, p. 2
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As of 1/21/53, Louise Patterson was executive secretary of Sojourners for Truth and Justice (STJ), whose headquarters were located at 384 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC.

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The "NY Amsterdam News" of 6/28/52, page 21, columns 3 to 5, carried an article captioned "Sojourners for Truth Meet, Fete Three Mothers". The article stated that the first program of the STJ in Brooklyn was held (date not stated) at the Newman Memorial Methodist Church, during which Mrs. Louise Patterson talked on the organization's plans and program.

In September, 1952, [redacted] showed his new book to certain NYC Negro Comrades, including Louise Thompson Patterson. After reading the book (title not given), Louise immediately called a meeting of the STJ and [redacted]. At the meeting (date not stated), Patterson instructed [redacted] to stop publication of the book, but he refused. Then the STJ appealed to the CP national leadership and to [redacted] of "New Masses". [redacted] a review of [redacted] book in "New Masses" based on notes given to him by Patterson and before he had read the book.

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NY report, 2/3/53
Re: Sojourners for Truth and Justice; IS-C
100-384225-90, p. 2,8,10,11
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On January 14 and 22, 1953, [] advised that he had met Louise Thompson Patterson and believed that she was or had been a CP member because of personal conversations with her. Patterson had once told (date not stated) [] that a person was not eligible for a position as a national functionary in the IWO unless the person was a CP member. Patterson had spoken (date not stated) at IWO meetings which the informant had attended, principally in Hammond, Indiana.

Indianapolis memo, 2/24/53
Re: IWO; IS-C; Internal Security
Act of 1950
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According to a letterhead of the Committee for the Freedom of [] NYC, dated 2/6/53, Louise Thompson Patterson was secretary of the Committee.
(Source not stated)

On 2/27/53, Patterson was reported to be secretary of the above - mentioned Committee.

[] of known reliability: []

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Identifying data regarding Patterson set out.

NY report, 4/22/53
Re: Committee for the Freedom
of [] IS-C
100-397702-5, p. 10, 12, 13
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On 4/4/53, Louise Patterson from NYC was in attendance at a Hungarian social function held at the Hungarian Legation, Washington, D.C. b1 [redacted] (S)

Washington FO memo, 7/29/53
Re: Hungarian Diplomatic Activities
in the U.S.; IS-R and HU
105-23044-5
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As of 4/21/53, William L. Patterson, National Executive Secretary of the CRC, was married to Louise Thompson Patterson, and had one daughter, [redacted]. They resided in Apartment 7-H, 409 Edgecomb Avenue, NYC.

[redacted] of known reliability: [redacted]
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409 Edgecomb Avenue, NYC)

NY report, 5/5/53
Re: William Lorenzo Patterson, was.;
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100-39-214, p. 2, 4
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On 8/6/53, [redacted] of the Beach Haven Guest Home, Wilmington, Vermont, made available her guest registers, which showed that Louise Patterson had stayed there on 8/1/53. According to [redacted] Patterson had been a guest at the Granich Farm on August 1 and 2, 1953. (The Farm was a camp for children of Communists.)

Albany memo, 9/8/53
Re: Max Granich, was.; [redacted]
[redacted] was.; IS-R
100-88434-323, p. 3
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On 8/9/53, Louise Patterson planned to attend on that day a meeting (not described) at the home of [redacted] in Zena, NY. [redacted]

NY report, 2/24/54

Re: [redacted] was.; SM-C
100-409291-1, p. 8
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On 7/13/50, Louise Patterson was the principal speaker at a meeting held at Mt. Sinai Tabernacle, 16th and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, for the purpose of establishing in Philadelphia a Council on African Affairs.(CAA).

As of 9/21/53, Louise T. Patterson was director of CAA. [redacted]

NY supplemental prosecutive summary report, 9/30/53
Re: Council on African Affairs; IS-C;
Internal Security Act of 1950
100-69266-299, p. 2, 4
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In accordance with a letter, dated 10/19/53, from [redacted] International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, for additional investigation in case designated below, Louise Thompson Patterson was contacted by Bureau Agents on 11/30/53. Mrs. Patterson was advised that she was contacted in connection with an official investigation specifically regarding a meeting allegedly held in 1935 at the time the National Negro Congress was organized. Mrs. Patterson was asked if she was not one of the original members of the National Negro Congress, to which she replied that she supposed

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she was, adding, "I do not care to discuss the matter with you". She also declined to cooperate to the extent of answering any questions concerning the meeting held in 1935.

The following typed notations appeared at the end of this serial: Louise Thompson Patterson was alleged to have been present at a meeting of a CP fraction in Washington, D.C., in 1935. Informants [] and [] had reported that Bunche was present at that meeting and was introduced as a CP member. The CSC requested that Patterson, among others, be interviewed in an effort to corroborate information furnished by [] and []

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~~NY report, 3/19/54~~ Bureau letter to CSC, Washington, D.C., dated 12/7/53
Re: Ralph Johnson Bunche, Director
Office of Assistant Secretary General,
Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,
United Nations, NY, NY, Loyalty of Employees of the United Nations and Other Public International Organizations - IR
138-14-206
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On 12/12/53, Louise Patterson was present at a "send-off" party held at 444 Central Park West, NYC, by the Women's Committee for Equal Justice for their delegates to the 12/18/53 Georgia prayer meeting and petitioning of freedom for []

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Patterson also attended a gathering held on 1/9/54 by the Women's Committee for Equal Justice at 884 West End Avenue, NYC, to honor the delegates who attended the prayer meeting at Atlanta, Georgia.

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NY report, 3/19/54
Re: Women's Committee for
Equal Justice; IS-C
100-385291-14, p. 10
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As of 5/6/53, Louise T. Patterson was director of the Council on African Affairs (CAA), located at 53 W. 125 Street, NYC. [redacted]

According to [redacted] former CP functionary, Louise Thompson Patterson was a member of the CP in 1936.

Patterson was (date not stated) the National Vice-president of the IWO. Anyone holding such a position of necessity must be a member of the CP. Patterson was seen at CP headquarters (NYC) on numerous occasions (date not stated). [redacted]

In June 1952, Louise Patterson was on the membership list of the Minute Women for Peace (an organization formed by the Communists in an attempt to convert women to their "peace" program). [redacted]

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On 2/4/53, [redacted] an admitted former member of the CP, advised that he had seen [redacted] and Louise at CP meetings at CP headquarters, 35 East 12 Street, NYC, during 1949.

Identifying data concerning Patterson set out.

NY report, 6/1/53
Re: Council on African Affairs;
IS-C; Internal Security Act of 1950
100-69266-276, p. 3, 5, 18, 31
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SI as paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 above:
100-69266-232, p. 1, 7, 8
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As of 1/14/54, Louise T. Patterson was director of the Council on African Affairs in NYC. [redacted]

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Other information in this reference appears in 100-69266-276, summarized elsewhere in this summary.

NY report, 2/3/54
Re: Council on African Affairs;
IS-C; Internal Security Act of 1950
100-69266-358, p. 1, 3, 5
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Information in this reference appears in serial 23, of Patterson's main file and in 121-1500-6, summarized elsewhere in this summary.

121-1500-1, p. 1, 2
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Information in this reference appears in serial 35 of Patterson's main file and in 100-344537-93, summarized elsewhere in this summary.

100-363113-8
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Information in this reference appears in serial 42 of Patterson's main file and in 100-39-72, summarized elsewhere in this summary.

100-39-112, p. 2, 3
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TO : Director, FBI (100-407934)

DATE: 9/8/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE ALONE PATTERSON, was
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SAC Letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All informants utilized herein are of known reliability unless otherwise designated.

On 9/26/52, [] advised that on 9/13/52, the subject was a member of the IWO Executive Committee.

On 8/9/53, [] advised that the subject was then known by the source to be a CP member.

On 7/13/54, Source of Information [] advised that the subject spoke at a meeting on 7/7/54, of the NY Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

[] advised on 7/16/54, that the subject, on 7/13/54, spoke at a Civil Rights Congress meeting.

On 9/2/54, [] advised that at a meeting on 8/24/54, [] a current list of the CP members of the PTA Section of the Harlem Region CP among which was LOUISE PATTERSON.

On 12/13/54, [] (5) advised that the subject spoke on 12/11/54, at the National Conference to Defend the Rights of the Foreign Born Americans, which conference was sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

On 6/22/54, [] advised that the subject was a member of the IWO, Lodge 691, as of late 1953.

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[redacted] advised that the subject spoke at CRC Mass meeting for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS on 1/26/55. This informant also advised that on 2/21/55, the subject attended a CRC leadership committee meeting as a CRC member only.

[redacted] on 5/24/55, advised that the subject had to be contacted in regard to the CP fund drive.

[redacted] on 6/8/55, advised that the subject was a member of Club #II of the PTA Section, Harlem Region, CP, at that time.

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RECOMMENDATION

Retain on SI.

Subject reliably reported to be CP member 1953, 1954, 1955. //

DETCOM TABBING

1. Not tabbed.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not recommended for detcom tabbing as activities are not within criteria of SAC letter 55-12 (A), 2/10/55.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-407934)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, was
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DATE: 12/12/55

Re O-1 form, dated 10/4/55.

NY is currently preparing a summary report on instant case.

NY requested 56 documentations from the Chicago Office by letter dated 11/7/55. The documentations were received at NY on 12/8/55. Therefore it is requested that the deadline in this case be extended to 1/16/56 so that this large volume of pertinent material may be included in the summary now in preparation.

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/16/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/14, 17-21, 24-28, 31/11/55	REPORT MADE BY eam/pat
TITLE LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, was: Mrs. William L. Patterson, nee: Louise Alone Thompson; Mrs. Louise Thurman, Louise Tolls		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C b7C	
SUMMARY REPORT			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p>The subject is unemployed and resides at 409 Edgecombe Ave., NYC. Subject: member of a club of the PTA Section of the Harlem Region of the NY County CP, as of 6/8/55; attended Illinois State CP Convention, 11/26/47; attended meetings of the Negro Commission, Trade Union Committee, and functionaries meetings of the CP in 1946 and 1947; elected to the District Committee of District #8, CP, USA, 1945; member of Washington Park Club (Chicago) of the CPA 1945 Book #59641; attended National Convention of CP and elected to District Committee of District #8 of the CPA in 1944; member of a group examining and approving applications for membership in CP in Midwest in 1941; elected member of Central Committee of CP, 1938, member in 1939; registered in 1935 and 1936 in support of CP; active in IWO since 1933 as a member and/or official until dissolution 8/31/54, highest position held member of Executive Committee of General Council September, 1952. Subject active as member and/or official of numerous CP front groups and associated with several top CP leaders between early 1930's and 1955. Subject visited Russia in 1932 or 1933 and toured Loyalist Spain in 1937. Subject contacted 11/30/53 and refused to be interviewed.</p>			
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The following organizations mentioned in the details of this report have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

International Workers Order (IWO)
Council on African Affairs
Civil Rights Congress (CRC)
Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated
American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
Communist Party, USA (CP,USA)
Communist Political Association (CPA)
Jewish People's Fraternal Order
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners
International Labor Defense

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DETAILS: I. BACKGROUND

A. Marital Status

SA [] reviewed the marriage affidavit certificate #1652548 dated December 3, 1940, of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON (documented later in this report) which was on file at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Chicago, Illinois.

The records reflected that PATTERSON obtained a license to marry Mrs. LOUISE THURMAN, a widow. Although the marriage license was issued, no record of the actual marriage is on file at the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was interviewed on September 3, 1941, by a Special Agent of the FBI under a telephonic pretext at which time PATTERSON confirmed that he had married Mrs. LOUISE THURMAN and that her maiden name was LOUISE TOLLS, but that she had always used the name of her step-father THOMPSON.

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of September 29, 1940, contains an article and a picture reflecting that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had just married LOUISE THOMPSON.

The "Fraternal Outlook", self-identified as the official publication of the IWO, in the issue of June, 1943, page 11, contains a photograph of LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, National Vice President of the IWO, and her new daughter born in []

B. Birth Data

The marriage records reflect that subject was born September 9, 1901. During the pretext interview

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of September 3, 1941, it was determined that subject was born in Chicago, Illinois.

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University of California, furnished subject's file under the name of LOUISE ALONE THOMPSON. The file listed her birth date as September 9, 1901 at Chicago, Illinois.

Her application for admission dated August 11, 1919, listed her father as JOHN A. THOMPSON, occupation cook, and birth place Nashville, Tennessee, and her mother as FRANCES LOUISE BROWN, born in Springfield, Ohio.

C. Education

The "Daily Worker" for June 30, 1940, reports that subject received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of California at Berkeley, California.

The records of the University of California reveal that the subject entered the University of California in August, 1919 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree May 6, 1923 with honors in Commerce.

The files of the University also contain a letter dated October 30, 1928 on stationery of the New York School of Social Work, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, requesting a transcript of the subject's grades indicating that she was applying for admission to the School of Social Work.

D. Identification Record

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 19, 1934, pages one and two, states that LOUISE THOMPSON, a Negro organizer for the IWO, was arrested in Birmingham, Alabama for vagrancy.

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An article in the same issue dateline May 18, 1934, at Birmingham, Alabama, states THOMPSON was released today.

The May 30, 1934, issue states that the charges against THOMPSON were dropped.

E. Employment

On December 19, 1955, a pretext interview was conducted by a Special Agent of the FBI with the [redacted] of the apartment building located at 409 Edgecombe Avenue, New York City, at which time it was determined that the subject is unemployed.

On August 10, 1954, [redacted] [redacted], 409 Edgecombe Avenue, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that the subject is not employed.

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The election records for the Borough of Manhattan as reviewed on November 1, 1955, revealed that the subject listed her employment in 1952 as the Drug Store Workers Union, Local 1199, 210 West 50th Street, New York City.

On March 23, 1951, a pretext telephone call was made to the Council on African Affairs, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, by an agent of the FBI at which time it was determined that the subject was employed by instant organization at the time.

An article appearing in the "Daily Worker", April 1, 1949, page five, column three, captioned "Mrs. Patterson With African Affairs Body", reveals that "Mrs. Louise Thompson Patterson has joined the staff of the Council on African Affairs as

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director of organization, it was announced yesterday by the council's executive committee."

The "Daily Worker" of June 30, 1940, reports that the subject taught at the State College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

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[redacted] of Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, advised SA [redacted] on December 30, 1941, that the subject named was listed as a member of the faculty for the years 1926 and 1927 in the College catalog but that no further information was available on the subject.

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An article appearing in the "Daily Worker", April 9, 1951, page two, columns four and five, states that the subject's first teaching post after graduation from college was at AM&N, a land grant school set up for Negro students in Arkansas and that she subsequently taught at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

F. Residence

During the pretext on December 19, 1955, it was determined that the subject resides at 409 Edgecombe Avenue in Apartment 7H with her husband.

A review of the election records for the Borough of Manhattan as reviewed on November 1, 1955, by SA [redacted] reveals that the subject registered from 409 Edgecombe Avenue, New York City, in 1954, 1952 and 1951.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 18, 1949, that the subject

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and her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, had arrived in New York City (exact date unknown) and were now residing at 474 Central Park West.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1946, that as of November, 1946, subject has been residing at 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1944 that as of July 22, 1944, subject resided at 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON.

On September 3, 1941, an agent of the FBI contacted WILLIAM L. PATTERSON under telephonic pretext and determined that the subject was residing at the Vincennes Hotel, 601 East 36th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The election records reviewed on November 1, 1955, revealed that the subject registered in 1936 and 1935 from 530 Manhattan Avenue, Apartment 20, and indicated she had last voted in 1933 from 409 Edgecombe Avenue.

The records of the University of California revealed that at the time the subject filed her application for admission dated August 11, 1919, she gave her address as 552 39th Street, Oakland, California.

A letter in the subject's file requesting a transcript of her grades listed the subject's address as 90 Edgecombe Avenue, New York City, as of October 30, 1928.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST CAUSE

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 8, 1955, that the subject as of that time was a member of a club of the PTA Section of the Harlem Region of the New York County CP.

[] previously advised on September 2, 1954 that the subject was a CP member in a club of the PTA Section of the Harlem Region CP as of August 24, 1954.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 1, 1947, that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON attended the Illinois State CP Convention on November 26, 1947, and was not re-elected to the State CP Committee for Illinois.

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[] advised on September 30, 1947, that on September 26, 1947, LOUISE PATTERSON stated that she had attended a meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP at the Greek Hall, 5522 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 19, 1946, and August 22, 1946, respectively, that the subject attended a trade union committee meeting of the CP on August 15, 1946, and on August 20, 1946 she attended a meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP.

[] advised in 1946 that the subject was in attendance at a functionaries meeting of the CP in the Mirror Room of the Hamilton Hotel, 20 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, on July 12, 1946, and that the

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purpose of this meeting was to hold a discussion on the financial campaign to raise \$40,000 for a District #8 of the CP.

[] advised on June 11, 1946, that on June 8, 1946, the subject attended a special functionaries meeting of the CP in the West Room of the Ashland Auditorium at 1:30 PM.

Informant advised in June and July, 1946, that the subject attended meetings of the Negro Commission of the CP, USA at the headquarters of CP District #8, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, on June 11, 17, 25, 1946 and July 2, 1946.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 3, 1945, that the subject had been recommended to the Jewish Commission of District #8, CP, USA.

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 21, 1945, that the subject attended the district convention on August 11, and 12, 1945, and was elected to the new District Committee of District #8, CP, USA.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 13, 1945, substantiated the above information.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 10, 1945, that the subject attended a meeting of the District Committee of District #8, Communist Political Association (CPA) on June 10, 1945. This District Committee meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the Duclos criticism and the resolution of the National Board of the CPA of June 2, 1945.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the CPA:

"2. ' * * * after assuming the name of the Communist Political Association on May 20-23, 1944, for strategic reasons, the party resumed the name of the Communist Party of the United States on July 26-28, 1945.'
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report No. 209, April 1, 1947, p. 29)."

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 22, 1945, that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was a member of the Washington Park Club of the CPA. Her 1945 membership ~~card~~ number in the CPA was 59641.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1944 ~~that~~ the subject attended the national convention of the CP in New York at which time the CP was dissolved and the CPA substituted for it.

[] advised in 1944 that the subject was elected to the District Committee of District #8 of the CPA at a meeting of that group held in Chicago at the Midland Hotel, June 10, 11, 1944.

The fact that the subject went to the CP convention which resulted in the establishment of the CPA was verified by [] in 1944.

[] a self-admitted member of the CP from [] to [] and a member of the National

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Committee of the CP from [] to [] advised on March 30, 1943, that the subject is a member of the Negro Commission of the National Committee of the CP, USA and was at one time a member of the Harlem Section of the CP (exact date unknown).

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 10, 1943, that [] at that time of the CP, had reported that the IWO Committee was leading the current recruiting drive and that LOUISE THOMPSON was one of the three members of the committee.

On June 3, 1955, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [] of the CP, USA at that time.

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised prior to May 29, 1943, that the subject attended a meeting of CP leaders at 207, 231 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, on June 19, 1941.

On September 9, 1941, information was furnished by the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), Chicago, that the subject was then a member of a group examining and approving applications for membership in the CP in the Midwest.

[] advised in 1941 that the subject attended meetings at CP Headquarters on June 13, 1941 and August 2, 1941. Informant did not know the purpose of these meetings.

On June 3, 1949, records of ONI, Chicago, reveal the subject to be a member of the Central Committee of the CP, USA.

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised prior to May 29, 1943 that subject was elected to the Central Committee of the CP, USA at the tenth national convention held August 26, 1938, in New York City.

The "Party Organizer", the publication self-identified as issued by the Central Committee CP, USA, issues of August and October, 1937, were reviewed at the New York Public Library in early, 1951, by SA []

The August, 1937 issue contains an article on page 25 authored by one LOUISE THOMPSON entitled "Negro Women In Our Party" and deals with the recruiting of Negro women into the CP.

The October, 1937 issue of page nine, contains an appeal from "outstanding and nationally known Negro Communists" which urges Negroes to join the CP. One LOUISE THOMPSON is listed as one of those making the appeal.

[] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on April 23, 1951, that a pamphlet published by the Workers Library Publishers, Incorporated, New York City, in September, 1937, entitled "The Road To Liberation For The Negro People", contained an appeal by one LOUISE THOMPSON and others.

According to the informant, the pamphlet sets forth purported activities of the CP in behalf of the Negro people and concludes with an appeal to all Negroes to join the CP and "take your place beside us in the common cause of our liberation".

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. contains the following concerning the Workers Library Publishers:

"1. An 'official Communist Party publishing agency.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p.8; also cited in Report, June 25, 1942, p. 18)

"2. 'Official Communist Party, USA, publishing house'. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report No. 1920, May 11, 1948, pp. 72 and 80.)

"3. Cited as an 'important' publishing organization of the Communist Party, located in New York City. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948, p. 214)

"4. Cited as 'controlled by Communists' and as one of the two 'chief publishers of the Communist Party.' (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, p. 289.)"

Information was received from ONI, Chicago, on May 27, 1939, that the subject as of June 3, 1938, was a member of the Central Committee of the CP, USA.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 19, 1934, pages one and two, contains an article and photograph identifying the subject as LOUISE THOMPSON, a Negro Organizer for the IWO. In this article THOMPSON was reported as describing her recent arrest in Birmingham, Alabama, and stating that she was proud to be identified as a Communist.

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B. Evidence of CP Sympathy

[redacted] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on March 29, 1955, that LOUISE PATTERSON, 409 Edgecombe Avenue, New York 32, New York, sent a birthday greeting to CLAUDIA JONES in February, 1955, at the Federal Reformatory For Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

The "Daily Worker" of January 1, 1951, page one, column one, reports that CLAUDIA JONES was Secretary of the National Women's Commission of the CP, USA and was one of the members of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

JONES was convicted on January 21, 1953, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. She was sentenced to one year and one day in prison and fined \$2,000. JONES was released after completion of sentence at the Federal Reformatory For Women, Alderson, West Virginia, on October 23, 1955, and on December 9, 1955, she voluntarily departed from the United States under a warrant of deportation, destination Great Britain.

A review of the records of the Bureau of Special Services (SSS) New York City Police Department, on October 26, 1955, revealed that the subject marched in the May 1, 1952 May Day Parade.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", previously mentioned, contains the following concerning the May Day Parade:

"1. 'The May Day Parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 179)"

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1951, that the subject and her husband were photographed together with [redacted] MAX GRANICH on August 5, 1951, at the Higley Hill Farm, children's summer camp owned by MAX GRANICH [redacted] and located at Wilmington, Vermont.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1951 that on August 4 and 5, 1951, parents day was held at the Communist indoctrination camp for children owned and operated by MAX [redacted] GRANICH on a farm in Wilmington, Vermont, at which time approximately 34 to 40 parents of the children in attendance at the camp were present for the festivities.

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[redacted] a CP member for over 20 years, who, at the time of [redacted]

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[redacted] identified the subject in a photograph taken during the May Day Parade of 1951, to SA [redacted] in May, 1951.

[redacted] advised on July 12, 1946, that the subject and other top CP leaders from District #8, CP, USA were all very much interested in the purchase of the USO Center known as Servicemen's Center #3 at 49th and Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

According to the informant, it was agreed that the USO Center would be purchased by the DU SABLE Lodge, IWO, and that organization would later sell it to the CP District #8.

[redacted] advised on July 18, 1946, that the subject was quietly trying to raise \$10,000 toward the purchase of the USO Center mentioned above.

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[] advised in May, 1946, that the subject attended a May Day Rally held at the Ashland Auditorium, 1610 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the subject appealed to all "comrades" to help raise funds to carry on the work of the CP. b2 b7D

According to the informant, the estimated collection was \$2195 after the pledge cards and collections were taken up.

[] advised in May, 1946, that the name LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON appeared on the May 1, 1946 printed program of the May Day Rally as one of the speakers.

The following also appeared on the same program:

"I would like to join the Communist Party"

"I would like more information about the CP"

Following both statements appeared blank spaces for the name and address so that that portion of the program could be sent to CP Headquarters, 208 North Wells Street, Room 201, Chicago, Illinois.

On the reverse side of the program appeared the words of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Internationale."

The "Daily Worker", issue of September 6, 1937, contained the following statement:

"The IWO is coming to the fore in a \$500,000

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Communist Party and press building campaign."

The article continues by saying:

"In a signed statement 12 leading members of the IWO called upon the membership of the IWO to assume the quota of \$40,000 in this drive."

One LOUISE THOMPSON was one of the signers.

The election records reviewed November 1, 1955, reveal that the subject registered in 1935 and 1936 from Apartment 20, 530 Manhattan Avenue and indicated a preference for the CP.

Records of the BSS, New York City Police Department, as reviewed in 1941, revealed that in 1935 the subject was associate editor of the "Harlem Liberator", self-identified weekly publication of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

The records further revealed that she was on the editorial board of "New Pioneer" and that she was also a contributor of an article entitled "And So We Marched" in the June, 1933, issue of the "Working Woman."

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", previously mentioned, contains the following concerning the League of Struggle for Negro Rights:

"1. 'The Communist-front movement in the United States among Negroes is known as the National Negro Congress. Practically the same group of leaders

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directing this directed the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, which was, until 2 years ago, the name of the Communist front for Negroes. The name was later changed * * * in 1936 to the National Negro Congress.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, January 3, 1939, p.81; also cited in Report, March 29, 1944, p, 116.)

"2. 'Among the Communist-front organizations for racial agitation' which also serve as 'money-collecting media' and 'as special political organizing centers for the racial minority they pretend to champion.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1947, p. 45.)

"3. Among the organizations 'which were created or controlled by the Communist Party or were a part of the United Front' with the Communist Party, and which supported the First United States Congress Against War in 1932. The Communist Party's slogan, Defend the Soviet Union, was 'the first objective' of the Congress. (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 462 and 465.)"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", previously mentioned, contains the following concerning "New Pioneer":

"1. 'The Communist Party's official publication for children' which was edited by Helen Kay, a member of the Communist Party for at least 12 years. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 121)

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"2. Among publications which the committee found 'to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)

"3. A magazine which was the 'official organ of the Young Pioneers (class-hatred training organization of the Communist Party, of the International Workers Order, and of various language groups supporting the Communist Party).' (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, p. 146.)"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", previously mentioned, contains the following concerning "Working Woman":

"1. An official Communist Party magazine. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 181)

"2. Among publications which the committee found 'to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system'. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)"

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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 2, 1955, that as of August 31, 1954, subject was a member of IWO Lodge 691 and that she entered the IWO in December, 1933; was transferred in May, 1941 to Lodge 589; was transferred in February, 1945 to Lodge 751, and in April, 1949, was transferred to Lodge 691.

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On September 26, 1952, [] furnished information to the effect that the IWO General Council met in New York City on September 13, 1952, and at that time the names of several members of the General Council were added to the Executive Committee.

[] further advised that LOUISE T. PATTERSON was one of the members already serving on the Executive Committee of the General Council at that time.

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The March, 1950 issue of the "Fraternal Outlook" which identified itself as the official publication of the IWO, (not published since June, 1950) is the 20th anniversary issue of the IWO.

On October 20, 1952, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject's picture in a group photograph of the IWO General Council which appeared on pages two and three of the above issue of the "Fraternal Outlook".

An article appearing in the "Daily Worker" on April 9, 1951, page two, columns four and five, identifies the subject as vice president of the IWO and states that she has had 18 years experience with the IWO starting in 1933.

The June and July, 1949, issue of "Fraternal Outlook" on page three, lists LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON as vice president of the IWO at that time.

The "Fraternal Outlook", issue of August and September, 1947, on page six, contains a photograph of several persons including the subject, captioned "The New General Council which will guide the order through the next four years of struggle". The article states that

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